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Timely Tidbits . . .

Library To Reopen on Monday, February 27

The Romulus Public Library – which has been closed since Saturday, February 4, to permit staff members to move the Library's collection back to its permanent home at 11121 South Wayne Road (near Goddard, next to City Hall) – is scheduled to reopen its doors to the public on Monday, February 27.

Prior to February 4, the Library had been open at a temporary location (Romulus Adult Education Center, 39000 Superior) while renovation and asbestos-removal work was conducted at both the Library and Romulus City Hall.

Social Security Office Seeks New Members

The Community Committee on Public Service for the Inkster Social Security Office is looking for new members. The Committee meets quarterly to review the performance of the Inkster Office and to make recommendations to improve service.

Currently, the Committee is looking for one or two Social Security Beneficiaries and one or two Service Providers to join the Committee. Perspective members should live or work in one of the following communities: Belleville, Garden City, Inkster, New Boston, Romulus, Wayne, or Westland.

Interested parties should send their name, address, and phone number, along with a short note as to why they would like to be on the Committee, to: Community Committee on Public Service, Social Security Administration, 2500 Hamlin Boulevard, Inkster, MI 48141. Applications must be received by February 24, 1995.

Current Committee members include: Nel Thompson, Executive Director of the Senior Alliance; Carolyn Jones, Social Security Beneficiary; Fran Heimes-Savickis, Social Security Employee; and Michael Chappell, Social Security Employee. □

Barth Students Advance to Semi-finals in Annual "When I Grow Up" Speech Contest



Posing with McDonald's Community Relations Representative Judy Bowers (center) are (from left) Falon Kennedy, Jillian Reno, Dana Noble, Amanda Brewington, Mindy Misure, and Tonya Davis, the top six finishers in a recent "When I Grow Up" speech competition.

Twenty-two fourth- and fifth-grade students at Barth Community Elementary were recent participants in the School and District/McDonald's "When I Grow Up" speech contest, giving their speeches for their classmates and judges Art McPharlin, District Director of Technology; William Murphy, Director of Adult Education and Vocation; and Tiffany Siedlaczek, Western Michigan University intern teacher at Barth. Amanda Brewington will represent

the District from the fourth grade; grade five's representative will be Dana Noble. Winners of second-place ribbons were Mindy Misure (grade four) and Jillian Reno (grade five); third-place winners were Tonya Davis (grade four) and Falon Kennedy (grade five).

On February 2, all six students were taken to lunch at McDonald's, where their ribbons were awarded by Mr. Harold Connon, Barth School Principal, and Ms. Judy Bowers, Community Rela-

tions Representative for McDonald's.

Both Amanda Brewington and Dana Noble will compete in the State Semi-finals. Winners from that contest will compete at the State Finals for a first prize of \$300 in savings bonds and a chance to meet a well-known member of his/her chosen professional field.

Last year's fourth-grade State Champion visited with children's author Judy Blume, while the fifth-grade Champ got to meet actress Lily Tomlin. □

Chili Cookoff, Euchre Tournament To Highlight Annual "Coming Home" Festivities at RHS

By Marge Bergman, Romulus High School Alumni Association coordinator

The Third Annual Romulus High School Chili Cookoff and Euchre Tournament will be held in Rooms 507 and 508 at the High School on Friday, March 3. The events are co-sponsored by the Romulus Rotary, which provides judges for the Chili Cookoff, and the Romulus High School Alumni Association.

This year also sees the return of the Volleyball Tournament, which will be held the same evening. Teams are encouraged to enter, and individuals who want to play can be assigned to an appropriate team. Lisa Decker, former volleyball star at Romulus and member of the Alumni Association, will oversee the tournament.

Entry in all events is open to everyone. There is no fee for the Chili Cookoff; Euchre is free to Alumni Association members and \$2 for nonmembers. The Alumni Association is hoping to offer some door prizes that night, as well as T-shirts for the winning volleyball team.

Chili entries will be judged in two divisions: student and adult; both divisions will have a "hot" winner and a "mild" winner. High School classes are encouraged to enter the Cookoff to earn spirit points for their class for "Coming Home '95" activities.

After the official judging, Euchre players can taste the different chilis and compare their ratings with the judges'.

"Coming Home" is a relatively new tradition at the High School. It is held in

the winter to recognize the contributions of winter athletes and to provide a week of "fun activities" during the long winter months. Also included that week will be a Spelling Bee, daily Dress-up activities, a Spirit Assembly, and a Luncheon for Alumni Association members on Friday, March 3.

For more information on the week's activities, or to join the Alumni Association at Romulus High School, please call Marge Bergman at 941-2170, extension 149. Dues in the Alumni Association are \$10 per year, and are applied toward scholarships and grants for Romulus students. Membership in the Association is now over 400, and is open to all graduates of Romulus High School. □

The Editor's Opinion

Officials Urged to Stick to the Issues

By Kristi Stephens

"Enough IS Enough . . . Let's REALLY Stop The Waste!" says a recent political flyer allegedly authored by Mayor Beverly McAnally and allegedly paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Mayor Beverly McAnally. That sounds like good advice to us here at "the little paper"; we only wish that it was being followed by those City officials who are (directly or indirectly) responsible for *wasting* residents' tax dollars on a costly battle against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), to prevent the operation of the company's *already constructed* injection well.

Those who support the City's fight against EDS are very vocal about their privilege, as American citizens, to attempt to make use of the machinery of our system of government to protect themselves against any perceived infringement of their various civil rights. We believe in that privilege strongly, and would have wholeheartedly supported their efforts (regardless of whether or not we agreed with them) if only they had made them *at the proper time*. But you don't wait until after the horse has escaped to close the barn door, and you don't wait until a business has invested millions of dollars in a project before you object to that project. Many people seem to have conveniently forgotten that the people at EDS have rights, too, and have only asked for the same fair treatment that you or I would hope to receive if we found ourselves trying to start a business – whether it was a restaurant, a party store, or a waste facility – within the City limits.

Imagine this: You want to open a health-oriented grocery store at a certain location in Romulus. When you approach the City with your proposal, no one says anything about the site being improperly zoned for a grocery store; indeed, the City issues you permits for needed electrical work and repairs to the building there. You spend all the hard-earned money you've saved – plus some that your family has invested, as well – to make your building as safe and attractive as it can be. You keep the City apprised of your progress and advertise your grand opening in the newspapers. Finally, you scrape together enough money to stock your shelves with the freshest produce and quality foodstuffs, feeling proud that you are offering your new community a tasteful and healthy alternative to the wares offered by other area groceries. But suddenly, the day before you planned to open your doors for business, the City comes to you and says, "Sorry, but this property isn't prop-

erly zoned for a grocery store. You'll have to go somewhere else." All the money you spent on renovations to make your store safe and attractive is lost; you can't just pick up and move new wiring or a fresh paint job. What do you do? Do you walk away with your head down and your tail between your legs? Or do you put up a fight because of the unfair treatment you've received?

In the questionnaire included with her letter, Mayor McAnally asks whether we want a hazardous waste disposal facility in Romulus. Why didn't she ask us that four years ago? Even two years ago? It's a little late to ask us that now, with construction of the well completed a year and a half ago. So, please, let's put all the rhetoric and recriminations aside, and deal with the *relevant issues of today*.

We (along with many other Romulus residents) would like those City officials who still oppose negotiating a settlement with EDS to give straight answers to two simple questions: "Why did you wait until *after* EDS had constructed its well to express your belief that our city's zoning laws were applicable to their project?" and "Why did you wait until *after* EDS built its well to seek an injunction against the operation of a well at that site?"

But please don't *waste* our time with any more of those "EDS lied to us when they told us that our laws did not apply to them" sob-stories. If you felt that EDS was incorrect in its assertion that State and Federal law preempted our local ordinances, why didn't you even once tell EDS that? Why didn't you speak out at public meetings? Or call the newspapers to draw public attention to your beliefs/concerns? Or finance a mail campaign, in defense of the community, similar to the one recently conducted by Mayor McAnally in defense of herself? Or seek an injunction against EDS *before* the well was constructed? Merely saying – as both Councilman Bill Wadsworth and Councilman Randy Gear did at the December 10, 1990 meeting of the Romulus City Council – that you "oppose the well's location in Romulus" is *not the same* as saying that local laws permit you to prohibit the location of such a well at certain sites. Many people "oppose" the performance of abortions, too – but that doesn't mean that the procedure is illegal.

And don't *waste* our time on irrelevant issues, either. We don't care about:

- Councilman Jimmie Raspberry's past efforts to challenge his tax bill (isn't that *his* right as an American?);

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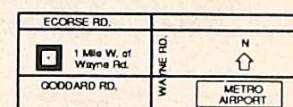
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Letters to the Editor

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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Colleague Mourns the Passing of Senator Faust

To the Editor:

We have sustained a great loss, and some may not even be aware of it. Former Senator Bill Faust has passed away. He was one of the senior senators – I am one of the youngest. He was serving in the Senate while I was in grade school! He was a Democrat – I am a Republican. And the list of differences could go on.

But Bill Faust was a person of great concern, honesty, and commitment to the people of our state. He was always gracious and had a huge heart. He would do what he felt was right and let the chips fall where they may. Those things can and should be carried on by us all, without correlation to age, party, etc.

When he told me that he was retiring from the Senate last year, I told him very genuinely that I would miss him, and I have. The loss through death is even more profound. The people of our state are better because of this man's character and his willingness to serve. He accomplished a great deal – too much to detail here. But perhaps some of his greatest legacies are his thoughtfulness, gentle style, and the examples that he showed us.

To his family, we offer our great condolences, thoughts, and prayers. But, we also offer our gratitude for having shared him with us for all these years. You will be missed, Bill.

Michael J. Bouchard
Assistant Majority Leader
Michigan State Senate

"Wrong Dolores," Says Former Polka-Dot Owner

To the Editor:

Because of an unpleasant incident which recently occurred at a local party store, it has come to my attention that many people in the community have my identity confused with that of the store's new owner.

My name is Dolores Witzgall and, until 13 months ago, I was the proprietor of the Polka-Dot Party Pantry, located

on Goddard Road in downtown Romulus. In January 1994, I sold my business; coincidentally, the new owner's name is also Dolores – Dolores Valdez. Because many people came to know me at the store over the years, and because the new owner and I share the same first name, old customers who don't know that I've sold my business think they're hearing about me when people talk about "Dolores at the Polka-Dot."

For some weeks now, I have been aware of one or two instances where people confused me with the other Dolores, but I had no idea that this case of mistaken identity was so widespread until I began receiving numerous phone calls from people who were upset with me because they thought that I was the one responsible for a poster being displayed at the Polka-Dot. This poster contained a newspaper article featuring a photograph of City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry. The edges of the article had been burned; various statements, which included words like "burn" and "legal fees, not funeral fees," had been written around the sides; and arrows had been drawn pointing from the statements to Councilman Raspberry's picture.

Recently, Dolores Valdez stated that the poster's only purpose was to comment on the position that Councilman Raspberry has adopted in the dispute between Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), and the City of Romulus (although no such explanation was given on the poster), and also stated that the poster contained no racial overtones – but I think that many people in the community, myself included, remain unconvinced. Even if her claims are sincere, she is at least guilty of using poor judgment. What would anyone who was unacquainted with the well controversy have thought about that poster? I believe that she, and anyone else connected with the poster's creation, behaved extremely irresponsibly, and I want everyone to know that I have no connection with this.

I hope that everyone in the Romulus community – regardless of whether they support Councilman Raspberry's political position favoring settlement negotiations with EDS – will join me in expressing their outrage at this incident, and offer him their moral support. In a community that is already being torn apart over a seemingly unending legal dispute, the last thing that any of us need to do is fan the flames of racial disharmony.

Dolores Witzgall
Romulus

Councilman's Wife Says Poster Was "Klan-ish"

To the Editor:

After receiving several telephone calls regarding a poster of my husband, Romulus City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry, which was being displayed at the Polka-Dot Party Store on Goddard Road, I decided to investigate the matter myself. To my shock and dismay, the poster had an article with a picture of my husband, and the edges all around the article had been burned. There were also drawings to indicate fire and several "wordings" with red arrows drawn to my husband after each passage. The poster had a Klan-ish style to it, and some of its "wordings" were to "incite violence" and to "insinuate death threats" upon my husband.

This poster was not a political poster. Nowhere on this poster were there statements regarding the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) injection well – such as "No Well" or "We're against this or that" or other phrases or slogans expressing a political opinion. And, even though there are two other Councilmen who join my husband in favoring settlement negotiations with EDS, nothing was said about or targeted toward either one of them (and I pray that nothing ever will be). If the poster had been of a political nature, then I would have said nothing. But this was not the case. The poster, because of its Klan-ish style, was one of "ethnic intimidation." I know what I saw – and it was seen by many others, too – and I stick by what I've stated.

I do understand that people have the freedom to voice an opinion, but *no one* has the right to incite "violence" or "death threats" toward anyone else. That's a Federal crime – and, in this instance, it is a Federal crime.

I cannot imagine why a business-owner would involve himself/herself in such Klan-ish acts when a business usually serves all people in general – or so I thought.

Although Mrs. Valdez, owner of the Polka-Dot store, tried to explain the passages written on the poster and to apologize over the matter, I have not yet accepted this because she has yet to send a personal apology to our home or to publish one in a local newspaper.

This incident was brought up and defended by a member of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) at the January 6 City Council meeting – but only after the local authorities were called to investigate the matter. It was not until then that the

poster was retrieved from the store by a RECAP member, and a letter of apology later posted in its place. RECAP member? Yes, RECAP was also involved in this Klan-ish act. Interestingly enough, the poster itself was not shown to those in attendance at the January 6 public meeting. Why not, if the poster really was (as was implied) no big deal?

Ms. Valdez, RECAP members, and others involved must understand that the authorities were called as a legal warning, and that such Klan-ish acts will not be tolerated by me or the rest of our families. Therefore, I suggest a **boycott of the Polka-Dot Party Store** by all concerned citizens of Romulus who will not tolerate activities such as these – brought on by a handful of people who are being used as a smoke-screen to cover up the *real underlying issue* regarding the past change of entities involved in the EDS well project and Mayor Beverly McAnally.

I also respect the fact that my husband has taken a courageous stand on behalf of the people, and that he is not one to tuck his tail between his legs in a cowardly fashion. Just as the Mayor stated in a recent "Open Letter To Romulus Residents, Voters and Taxpayers," my husband cannot be duped – at least, not for long – and, in this case, it wasn't for long at all.

Respectfully,
Wandra V. Raspberry
Romulus

Citizens Urged To Make Up Their Own Minds

To the Editor:

As a long-time Romulus resident, I have been deeply disturbed by the dissention that our city is currently experiencing due to the controversy over the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) well. I, myself, have not yet made up my mind about where I stand, partly because of the wildly conflicting information which I have read in the papers and heard on cable TV. But all this information is second-hand, so to speak, and I have always been hesitant to take anybody's word for anything.

That's why, as I was looking at a recent edition of *The Romulus Roman*, I was interested to read that EDS has offered to supply copies of documents and tapes supporting their claims to *anyone who asks, and at no charge*. (Editor's note: A similar invitation appears on pages 8 and 9 of this paper.) At last, a chance to see "raw data" and make up my own mind! At the least,

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- how much money EDS owner/president Doug Wicklund has (isn't it *his* right as an American citizen, just as it's my right and yours, to make every "almighty dollar" that he legally can under our so-called "free-enterprise" system?);
- the current price of tea in China; or
- any other matter unrelated to the question of why the City "switched gears" in its dealings with EDS after the well had been constructed.

Finally, don't subject us to cop-outs like, "The matter is in litigation, so we can't discuss it." EDS is involved in litigation, too, but that has never stopped its staff from telling its side of the story – or, more importantly, from supplying documentation to support its assertions.

This city belongs to the people who live here, and we are all – regardless of our position on this issue – entitled to a thorough explanation of how and why our tax dollars are being spent. If you City officials who refuse to negotiate are so sure that you represent the majority of your constituents, and that your actions have been fair and above-board, why the secrecy? Why not have the integrity to give an honest, comprehensive, logical explanation for your actions? Why not have the backbone to stop avoiding questions about what those actions might cost the taxpayers of our city?

You all complain that your side of the story isn't being told – but when the newspapers give you a chance to discuss and *document* your case, all you can say is "No comment." How can anyone take you seriously when you never offer to explain yourselves; never offer any proofs?

Comments like "We thought it was only a test well" only make things worse: Are you trying to defend yourselves against accusations of acting improperly (for political, financial, or other reasons) by telling us that your actions were made in ignorance, instead? Are you telling us that you're not listening to the people who make presentations to you at City Council meetings? That you don't/can't read the local newspapers, or the documents that are provided for you at such presentations or that appear in your Council packets? Even if you were so naive and/or uninformed as to believe that the EDS well was "just a test well," what exactly did you think they were testing for? Why would you permit the EDS people to spend money finding out if a site was geologically appropriate for their project if you didn't intend to let them use that site? Surely you must realize that, faced with such ridiculous assertions, people who bother to think at all will begin to doubt whether you are competent to represent them; to wonder what *your* "real motives" are!

In her recent letter, Mayor McAnally

implied that papers like *The Romulus News* may have been financially influenced into taking a stand for EDS. ("It has been very difficult to endure these distortions and deceptions that have been so eagerly printed. It has been painful to see the paid advertisements that EDS has bought in our local publications in an attempt to influence Public opinion being editorially supported by the very institutions that we should be able to rely upon to be unbiased and truthful," she states.)

In the case of *The Romulus News*, at least, nothing could be further from the truth. The opinions expressed in this paper's editorials are based on about 18 months of research into information from at least 100 *independent* sources, as well as documents originating from both the City and EDS. The truth is simply that the City has so far been unable to logically justify its position to this paper (or, judging from the content of their editorials, to other local papers).

Still, as "the little paper" has done numerous times in the past, we invite those officials who disagree with us to use our "Local Commentary" column – free of charge – to answer these *timely* questions; to do so directly, without equivocation or irrelevant "sidetracks"; and to provide documentation to support their statements.

In requesting such documentation, we are asking no more of these City officials than we have always asked of EDS officials – who have provided the paperwork to back their statements *in every case*, and who have also provided sworn affidavits and depositions to support their assertions concerning private conversations (which cannot, of course, be "proven" by either party unless they were recorded).

Let's put an end to a fight that has already cost this city dearly, both in dollars and in good community relations. EDS has offered to negotiate an agreement that will address every *reasonable* health, safety, and financial concern that residents might have. What more can we *reasonably* ask? □



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these documents should give me a starting point for my own research!

Because I believe that this well conflict has been a matter of rumor and gossip – on both sides – for too long, I urge *everyone* here in my hometown – regardless of how much or how little they think they know – to take advantage of EDS' offer and send for their package. Let's make this the first step on the road to thinking for ourselves instead of blindly following what we read in the papers or hear from the opposing "special-interest" groups. No matter which side of the fence you're on

– or even if you're still straddling it, as I am – you'll have a chance to examine some of the so-called evidence for yourself – and then decide for yourself if you have been convinced by it, one way or another.

What do you have to lose? It will only be by approaching hard facts with an open mind that any of us can decide what has *really* happened over the course of this project, and form a responsible opinion about what should be done to best assure that our community is both *safe* and *financially stable*.

Carole Harris
Romulus □

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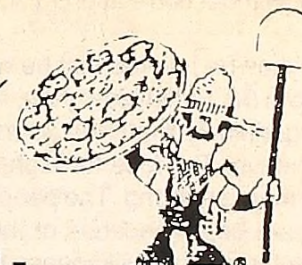
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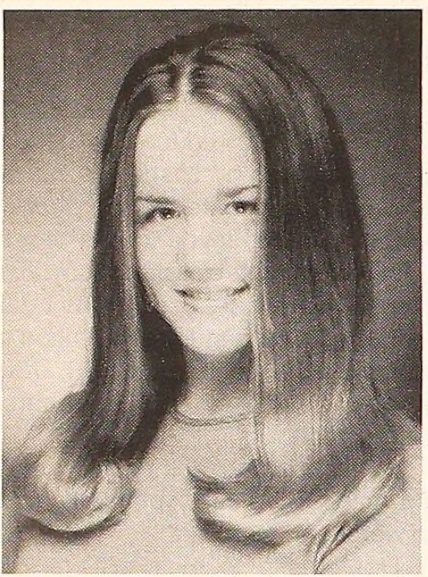
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Middle School Band Students Perform at District Festival



By Christine Fortune

Romulus Middle School Band students have done it again! The District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival took place on Saturday, January 28, at Livonia Franklin High School, with over 4,000 students from about 70 junior high and middle schools participating.

The Festival began at 8 a.m. and ended around 6 p.m. This made a long day for Romulus Middle School Band Director Richard Kruse, who attended the event along with 105 of his band students, all the while serving as a mandatory all-day on-site Festival worker.

Kruse was not working in vain, however, because Romulus came away with a total of 142 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) medals. A total of 23 events received First Division ratings, while 36 events received Second Division ratings. Students won 54 First Division medals and 88 Second Division medals individually.

Below is a list of the names of those stellar students who took home either a First or a Second Division rating.

First Division Scores

Mike Lee (snare-drum solo); Christina Bouquenoy, Tim Collins, and Damien Crawford (tuba trio); LaDonna Franklin and Mamie Kesner (clarinet duet); Steve Scibilia and Justin Joiner (cornet duet); Tina Blake, Nicolle Moue, and Carissa Slone (flute trio); Victoria Betty, Billy Chapman, and Carleton McCauley (clarinet trio); Eric Hall and Mike Lee (snare-drum duet); Eric Hall (snare-drum solo); Alfred Chadwick and Derek Plave (baritone duet); Damien Crawford and Matt Gibbons (baritone duet); Tim Collins and Damien Crawford (tuba duet); Nicolle Moue and Carissa Slone (flute duet); Amber Bowman and Jennifer Vit (flute duet); Jessica Colman and Shannon Herauf (flute duet); Justin Joiner, Jennifer Keller, and Steve Scibilia (cornet trio); Tomeka Bowles, Jessica Colman, and Shannon Herauf (flute trio); Christina Allen, Jessica Blanton, Steve

Harper, and Moriah Holbrook (clarinet quartet); Victoria Betty, Krystal Johnson, Mamie Kesner, and Carleton McCauley (clarinet quartet); Dinah Malosh, Jessica Neiman, and Brooke Thompson (French horn trio); Bobbie Lindsay, Laketia Shelton, and Taurean Walker (clarinet trio); Tomeka Bowles and Jennifer Hoffman (flute duet); and Tina Blake and Carissa Slone (flute duet).

Second Division Scores

Erin Fisher, Erin Jones, and Dinah Malosh (French horn trio); Tariprey Burutolu (snare-drum solo); Amber Bowman, Jennifer Hoffman, and Jennifer Vit (flute trio); Jackie Evans and Chris Garwood (flute duet); Jason Britt and Holly Holloway (alto clarinet duet); Dawn Curley, Jackie Evans, and Chris Garwood (flute trio); Autumn DeBus, Keri Deverich, and Mya Williams (sax trio); Erin Hotchkiss and Rachel Kolar (sax duet); Billy Chapman and Krystal Johnson (bass clarinet duet); Erin Fisher and Erin Jones (French horn duet); Candy Bingham and Amanda Hislop (cornet duet); Alfred Chadwick, Matt Gibbons, and Derek Plave (baritone trio); Amber Bowman (violin solo); Jason Britt, Tyra Donald, and Kim Minner (clarinet trio); Sarah Elliott (snare-drum solo); Candy Bingham and Jessica Wilhide (cornet duet); Sharice Carter and Steve Mientkiewicz (trombone duet); April Morones and Jennifer Neiman (oboe and bassoon duet - x 2); Brad Bowman, Nicole McKinney, and Rachel Parker (sax trio); Aaron Anderson and James Taylor (cornet duet); Amanda Clark, Steve Scibilia, and Scott Tieppo (cornet trio); Gabrielle Harp and Tamika Smith (flute duet); Jessica Blanton and Jason Britt (clarinet duet); Crystal Mincovsky and Regiona Washington (clarinet duet); Andrea Coate and Crystal Renton (clarinet duet); Robert Boykins, Katie Burke, Matt Carter, and Ashley Hawn (sax quartet); Keri Deverich and Mya Williams (sax duet); Brad Bowman, Autumn DeBus, Nicole McKinney, and Rachel Parker (sax quartet); Dawn Curley and Christy Weidemann (flute duet); Tyra Donald, LaDonna Franklin, Mamie Kesner, and Kim Minner (flute quartet); Sharice Carter, Brandon Flake, and Steve Mientkiewicz (trombone trio); Shannon Guarino and Danielle Judy (tuba duet); Amanda Clark and Kyle Gilmore (baritone duet); Brandy Clark and Sarah Zilka (trombone duet); Robert Boykins, Katie Burke, and Ashley Hawn (sax trio); Erin Hotchkiss, Rachel Kolar, and Ryan Romak (sax trio).

Mr. Kruse would like to congratulate his students for their fine efforts and extend his thanks to the parents for taking their children to the Festival and listening to them perform. □

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"Search" for Black History: A Black History Month "Quiz"

Throughout the history of education in America (and most of the rest of the world, as well), the contributions of blacks have been largely ignored. Although our "social consciousness" is slowly growing in awareness concerning this problem, a great deal of work still remains to be done, and Black History Month is the perfect time to bring the issue to the fore.

Hidden below – in a "word search" puzzle put together for *The Romulus News* by Romulus City Councilman Randy Gear – are the names of 30 famous/influential blacks who have had a great impact on many facets of our history, culture, politics, and day-to-day living. Although quite a few of them are well known, even to the average elementary-age student, others haven't received the recognition which is their due for their heroic actions, contributions to society, civil rights efforts, and various other accomplishments.

As you search for the 30 puzzle words, which can be found in **BOLD CAPITALS** in the word list below, see how many names you can identify without reading the "mini-biography" which follows each name.

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ABRAM, Hannibal (sold as slave to Russian nobleman; at age eight, given to Russian czar Peter the Great, who educated him and baptised him into Russian Orthodox Church); **BAKER**, Josephine (dancer/entertainer; humanitarian); **CARVER**, George Washington (professor; scientist; inventor); **BUNCHE**, Dr. Ralph (American diplomat); **COSBY**, Bill (actor, comedian); **CUFFEE**, Paul (Bedford, Massachusetts colonist; ship-builder); **DAVIS**, Angela (professor; women's rights activist); **DEPRIEST**, Oscar (United States Congressman from Illinois, 1928); **DOUGLASS**, Frederick (abolitionist); **DREW**, Dr. Charles (physician; pioneer in blood-plasma research); **DUBOIS**, W.E.B. (sociologist; educator; author); **FORTEN**, James (abolitionist; inventor); **GARVEY**, Marcus (advocate of the "back to Africa" movement); **HALEY**, Alex (author); **HALL**, Prince (founder of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge); **HENSON**, Matthew (explorer of the North Pole); **HOOKS**, Dr. Benjamin (National leader, NAACP); **JACKSON**, Jesse (ex-Presidential candidate; diplomat; civil rights activist); **JONES**, Absalom (rector of the first separate Protestant Episcopal Church); **KING**, Dr. Martin Luther Jr. (minister; civil rights activist); **MARSHALL**, Thurgood (first black United States Supreme Court Justice); **MOSHESH** (lived 1790-1870; ruler of the Basuto Tribe of South Africa); **SALEM**, Peter (distinguished soldier of the American Revolutionary War); **SISSON**, Jack (American soldier who executed commando raids on British forces during Revolutionary War); **TRUTH**, Sojourner (abolitionist; Civil War heroine); **TUBMAN**, Harriet (abolitionist; "conductor" of the Underground Railroad); **WASHINGTON**, Booker T. (educator); **WHEATLEY**, Phyllis (poetess); **WOODS**, Grandville T. (inventor; manufacturer); **YOUNG**, Whitney (former leader of the National Urban League)

Black Inventors Unheralded, Despite Important Work

By Carolyn Wright

Little-known creators have revolutionized American industry. Their names may not appear as answers to the average trivia questions, but this general lack of acknowledgment concerning the accomplishments of black inventors makes their contributions no less impressive, and their impact on our society no less significant.

Every student is well acquainted with men like Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. Few, however, know of Norbert Rillieux, Jan E. Matzeliger, Garrett A. Morgan, Dr. George Washington Carver, Dr. Percy L. Julian, Dr. Charles R. Drew, Henry Latimer, and other black inventors. By-products of their genius are omnipresent in our daily lives: shoes, prescription drugs, sugar, ice cream, the traffic light, the electric lamp, and the bullet-resistant cage used by banks and check-cashing facilities.

Public recognition has always eluded ingenious blacks. Because they were not deemed United States citizens prior to the Civil War, slaves were denied patents for inventions that usually were credited to masters. According to historians, the earliest recorded black patent-holder was Thomas Jennings, who invented a dry-cleaning process in 1821. Some 2,000 blacks have obtained patents since then.

Norbert Rillieux of New Orleans, a nineteenth-century inventor, helped change the sugar-refining industry in 1843 with his invention of a vacuum evaporation pan that reduced reliance on gang labor.

Lewis H. Latimer, another early inventor, helped pioneer the development of electricity by solving the problem of converting electric current into light. In 1881, he created the incandescent electric light bulb with a carbon filament. As an associate of inventor Thomas Edison, he supervised the installation of electric lights in New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, and London.

The American Industrial Revolution was further spurred by the 1883 invention of the shoe-lasting machine, which revolutionized the shoe industry. Created by Jan E. Matzeliger, the imaginative device eliminated tedious handstitching, doubled shoemakers' wages, and slashed shoe prices across the country.

Because of his skin color, the world did not give due credit to Garrett A. Morgan in 1923 when he designed the gas inhalator, forerunner of today's gas mask. Morgan was immediately recognized, however, when he and three other volunteers wearing his inhalators rescued several workers trapped in a tunnel explosion under Lake Erie. Morgan also invented the three-way automatic

traffic signal and illuminated it for additional road safety.

In the same time frame, Dr. George Washington Carver helped the economy of the South and reduced its dependence on cotton by cashing in on research projects related to the peanut, sweet potato, and soybean. Dr. Percy L. Julian's own research with the soybean led to drugs that are used in the treatment of arthritis and the prevention of miscarriages. And Dr. Charles R. Drew was a pioneer in blood-plasma research and blood banks.

Contemporary black inventors have also made significant contributions to the welfare of mankind.

Dr. Meredith Gourdin built a million-dollar company on his concept of electro-gas-dynamics, converting energy in a flowing gas into electricity for everyday use. In 1965, he developed an energy-saving electrostatic paint-spraying device for automobiles and appliances.

In 1968, Emmanuel Logan of Columbia, Maryland, designed the bullet-resistant plexiglass and convinced area bankers of its effectiveness.

And, of course, black women have also contributed to the full and rich history of invention. Beatrice Kenner of Charlotte, North Carolina, holds five patents, including licensing rights for a carrier attachment for invalid walkers (1976) and a back-washer mounted on a shower wall or bathtub (1987).

Despite racism and discrimination, black inventors have enriched the lives of all Americans with their creativity and ingenuity. □

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Are You Teaching Your Child To Hate?

By Karen Williams

One of the most horrific yet thought-provoking photographs that I've ever seen was of a Kewpie-faced toddler, barely five years old, clad in a snow-white, hooded robe—the Ku Klux Klan's vestment of White power. The child's back was to a legion of Klan elders at a cross-burning, his slight smile reflecting more so a love of posing for a "Kodak moment" than an embrace of sheer hate. I hope.

Rearing a child unscathed by prejudice is virtually impossible unless you isolate him/her from a multimedia barrage of ethnic slurs or stereotypes uttered or created in the name of "free speech" or "artistic license."

Inasmuch as Black History Month explores legacies, agendas, and potentialities of the Black family and community, it's appropriate for me to consider what it may be like to one day rear a child who may be born into a world again becoming so full of hate.

Although I'm 32 years old, and have yet to marry and become a parent, I worry about how my child will be affected by and interface with those with dissimilar noses.

A poignant letter which author James Baldwin wrote to his nephew upon the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation explicitly noted that the American Negro in 1963 was celebrating "freedom" too soon. Regrettably, 32 years later, very little has changed. In 1991, under the American Hate Crimes Act, approximately 4,550 hate-crime incidents were reported, 36%

of them being anti-black, with these numbers excluding additional offenses that occurred but weren't reported.

What pushes one to commit hate crimes? And what percentage of offenders are parents who realize the impact their clandestine or open actions are having on their children? Most children mimic their parents. Idolize them. They're stimulated by sounds of parent voices, as they speak calmly of the mundane, become animated with storytelling, or bellow toxic epithets at browner- or whiter-skinned drivers who unexpectedly cut into their lane.

Your child hears you. Ingests, then processes, your choice of words. Perhaps even toys with the word's sound, and is awed with the excitement it's caused or curiously investigates its origins until . . . BAM! "My child wouldn't say such a thing," some parents say when teacher calls to say Johnnie has gotten into a fight. "We don't use words like that in our house." Or are you the parent who would tell the teacher in no uncertain terms that "the stupid expletive" shouldn't have been picking on your kid anyway?

It's our responsibility to educate our children to the cruel and ugly ways of the world without soiling them by teaching them to respect diversity. Any dark-spirited or wounded individual can teach a child to hate. But teaching the same child to love others despite or for their differences? To love his/her neighbor as as him/herself? That takes a person with a heart and spirit of gold. What kind of person or parent are you? □

Right Under Our Noses

By Jacques Martin-Downs, MA, MSW

"A seventh grader ducks into the bathroom between classes, fishes two butane lighters out of his pocket and . . ." What's he up to? Students from every socioeconomic background are increasingly using inhalants. In fact, empirical evidence supports the statistic that eight percent of teens have tried inhalants and further, that the average starting age is 12 years old.

Parents need to remember that inhalant use cannot be likened to drug or alcohol use because inhalants are *poisons*. As you think about all of the potential inhalants available to kids, count up how many are currently in your home:

- lighter fluid (including 'Bic'-type lighters),
- cleaning fluid,
- propane for your gas grill,
- gasoline in a can,
- spray paints,
- paint thinner,
- solvents,
- acrylic markers,
- airplane glue,
- hair spray,
- deodorants,
- room deodorizers, and
- white out — just to name a few.

Inhalant use can cause instant "cardiac arrhythmia" — thus, cardiac arrest. Translated, that means the heart stops. Death occurs from either suffocation — since the gas in the inhalant replaces the oxygen in the lungs — or from cessation of breathing due to depression of the brain. When you read the cautionary instructions on the containers, you'll note that they clearly tell you to use the substance in a well-ventilated room. Youths unfortunately view these messages in the opposite way . . . paying no heed to the POISON factor.

WHY? Why are kids into this destructive and poisonous venture? Two reasons:

- Quick good feeling.
- It's cheap.

If you were to ask them what they think about the fact that these products are poison, they often respond with a fatalistic attitude. One boy conveyed that he didn't care, because he probably was going to be dead or in jail by the time he reached 21 years of age.

It's pretty scary, isn't it, when you stop and think about the desperation of it all.

Where is their inner moral voice that says, "This is a bad thing. This might kill me." The inner voice has never been formulated; never been cultivated.

Yoo-hoo parents . . . We are back to your part. Have you been sharing these messages with your children? This writer has been writing for a good long time about how parental responsibility seems to have gone underground in recent years.

Did you ever have "kinder-guards" on your cupboard doors? What was the purpose of these? Ah, yes, to keep the little ones from drinking the ammonia and pouring bleach on themselves. Later, kinder-guards are replaced by words — your words: "Johnny, I need to tell you that sniffing or drinking gasoline can kill people. That's why gas stations have put protective cups around the gas nozzle, so you won't accidentally inhale the gas fumes."

Have you talked to your kids yet? Preschoolers to high-schoolers need to hear these messages from you.

If you don't share your knowledge now, before it's too late, it may be your child who ends up dying of congestive heart failure due to using inhalants. □

Chamber Membership Drive Underway

By David B. Goodwin, CPCU

The 1995 Membership Road Rally is underway. On February 20, 1995, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will kick off a new membership drive with checkered flags and revved-up members.

Membership chairman David Goodwin of Lademan & Youd of Michigan announced the program at the Chamber's regular Membership Luncheon at the Clarion Inn in Romulus. Three teams of Chamber members are being formed by the team leaders: Ms. Patty Ayres, Ms. Dolores Witzgall, and Mr. Dennis Worsley.

Romulus businesses which don't belong to the Chamber will be receiving information in the mail and a phone call from a team member.

The team members and the new members will be eligible for one of two prize trips for two to Atlantic City,

New Jersey. The team member who sponsors the most new members by the May 24 membership meeting will win one trip. The other trip will go to the one of the new members drawn from a lottery. Other prizes donated by local businesses will be won by the new members and their sponsors at that luncheon.

The team members will be fueled up with information about the Chamber and how it benefits the community and local businesses through such things as: active liaison with government officials, regular membership meetings, informative newsletters, support for community activities, fund-raising events, preferred listing in the annual Chamber Director and discounted group health insurance programs for members.

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Mayor McAnally has written many of you a letter; now, we must respond. We know you aren't interested in hearing a lot of accusations, *just the FACTS*.

- **FACT** Before we ever applied for our EPA and DNR "hazardous" well permits, we came to the Mayor in the summer of 1990 and asked for her blessing. We told her that if she would oppose the Well, we would take it and our royalty offer and go elsewhere. She had the opportunity to say no, we don't want the Well. But she didn't. She said **YES**, go ahead, welcome to Romulus.
- **FACT** The accounting firm of Pohl, Walsh and Goode, P.C., furnished the City with Financial Projections of the City's Royalty dated August 30, 1990 which stated, "EDS estimates that 60% of the waste liquids injected (into the well) will be classified as hazardous and 40% as non-hazardous" and that 76% of the Royalty would come from disposal of "hazardous" wastes. These projections were delivered to Mayor McAnally personally in the fall of 1990 and were also sent to the City Council. She could have said no, stop, I don't want hazardous waste disposed of in Romulus. But she didn't. She said **YES**, go ahead.
- **FACT** When we acquired an OPTION on the Well's property in November, 1990, we immediately met with the Mayor and told her where we were going to put the Well. She could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But she didn't. She said **YES**, go ahead. It's a good location, "because it's so remote."
- **FACT** When we came before the City Council on December 10, 1990 and asked for a welcoming resolution (which was drafted by the Mayor's staff), she could have said no, we don't want you. But she didn't. She said **YES**, go ahead.
- **FACT** When the City Attorney wrote two legal opinions to the City in December, 1990, he could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But he didn't. He said the City has no jurisdiction.
- **FACT** When the City Council rescinded the welcoming resolution in September, 1991, they didn't say no because the zoning was wrong. They simply withdrew it because of a "change in the corporate entities." *What was the real motive behind their actions?*
- **FACT** When the Mayor was notified by EPA and DNR that public hearings were scheduled, she could have objected to the "hazardous" well permits before they were issued. She could have said no, we don't want the Well. Or, wait, stop, the zoning is wrong. But she didn't, and the permits were issued (**YES**, go ahead).
- **FACT** Later in 1991, when the EPA and DNR sent the Mayor copies of the "hazardous" well permits which stated "*EDS is hereby authorized to **construct and operate** a newly drilled Class I Hazardous Waste injection well,*" why didn't the Mayor say no, wait, we don't want the Well. Or, stop, the zoning is wrong. Or, stop, I thought it was only a "test well." Instead, she said nothing (**YES**, go ahead).
- **FACT** When our attorney asked the City Attorney in May, 1992 if the City would re-adopt the welcoming resolution, he could have said no, the City intends to block the Well. But he didn't. Instead, he said that EDS did not need such a resolution, since the Well was covered by Federal and Michigan law and not by City zoning ordinances.
- **FACT** In July, 1992 when the City Attorney wrote yet another legal opinion to the Mayor, he could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But he didn't. He said the City has no jurisdiction.
- **FACT** Again, in July, 1992 when the Mayor gave us all three of the City Attorney's legal opinions and told us we could rely on them, she could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But she didn't. She said **YES**, go ahead.
- **FACT** In May, 1993 when one of our attorneys and one of our investors' attorneys told the City Attorneys that we had completed the financing of the Well and were about to start construction, and asked what City filings the City would require under Local ordinances, they could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But they didn't. They said this matter was governed by Federal and Michigan law, so that no filings would be required, and that we (EDS) didn't need anything from them (the City)!
- **FACT** In June, 1993 when we met with the Mayor and the City Attorney and told them we were going to start drilling in about 30 days, they could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But they didn't. They said **YES**, go ahead, we have no choice but to allow the Well.
- **FACT** When the Mayor's administration issued three permits for the Well's construction in July, 1993, they could have said no, wait, the zoning is wrong. But they didn't. They gave us the permits and said **YES**, go ahead.
- **FACT** When we invited the Mayor and other City officials – including members of the City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals – to an informational dinner in July, 1993, they could have said no, we don't want the Well and we're going to fight you. Or, wait, the zoning is wrong. But they didn't. They said **YES**, go ahead, we have no choice but to allow the Well.

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- **FACT** In July and August, 1993 while we were drilling the Well, the Mayor and other City officials toured the Well site, asked questions, and were given additional full presentations. They could have said no, wait, stop drilling, the zoning is wrong. Or, stop, we thought it was only to be a "test well." But they didn't. They said **YES**, go ahead. Then they told us they didn't want our trucks accessing the Well off Wahrman Road. They could have said they didn't want any trucks at all because the zoning was wrong and they were about to sue us. But they didn't. Instead, they said **YES**, go ahead and allow trucks to access the Well off Northline Road. We spent \$100,000 buying additional property and another \$75,000 improving a driveway to comply with their wishes.

For over three years, the Mayor and other City officials all said YES! Then, just before the November, 1993 election, they changed their mind and said NO. *They waited until after we had already constructed our well and spent millions of dollars, then sprung their trap on us and said NO.*

Now, a year and a half later, *the Mayor has spent \$400,000 of your tax dollars* on her lawyers and the first lawsuit hasn't even gone to trial yet.

Last July, under an exception in the Michigan preemption statutes for projects developed before 1980 (ignoring the fact that the Well was developed in 1993), Judge Morcom issued an erroneous preliminary ruling applying the zoning code to the Well, saying:

"... the City is not seeking to regulate EDS' Well nor any hazardous waste management activities of EDS, nor to exclude all such Well facilities from operating in the City, but that the City is seeking compliance with its Zoning Ordinance by requiring EDS to locate their proposed use in the appropriate zone ..."

Now, according to the City, the appropriate zoned areas (MT2) are located between the Airport and Inkster Road, on the east side of Romulus and right next to the City of Taylor.

Enough is enough. We've tried to settle but the Mayor isn't listening. Last week, in Federal District Court, we filed a \$100-million personal civil suit against the Mayor and a few other politicians. Guess who will get stuck paying their personal legal fees, and damages when we win.

ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. WE AT EDS WOULD HAVE GLADLY TAKEN OUR PROJECT ELSEWHERE IF, AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD OF 1990-1993, THE MAYOR WOULD HAVE SAID NO, SHE DIDN'T WANT US HERE – JUST AS WE DID AFTER THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CITY OF NILES AND COVERT TOWNSHIP CONSIDERED BUT TURNED DOWN SIMILAR PROPOSALS. BUT MAYOR MCANALLY DID NOT SAY NO. SHE WELCOMED BOTH OUR PROJECT AND OUR ROYALTY OFFER.

The Well is in and it can't be moved. We are not leaving Romulus because we can't. We're stuck here forever. We have no choice but to fight. But our fight isn't with you; it's with the politicians and their lawyers who led us on and then pulled the rug out from under us. The lawyers are making a fortune from the City on this and, of course, they hope the suit will never end.

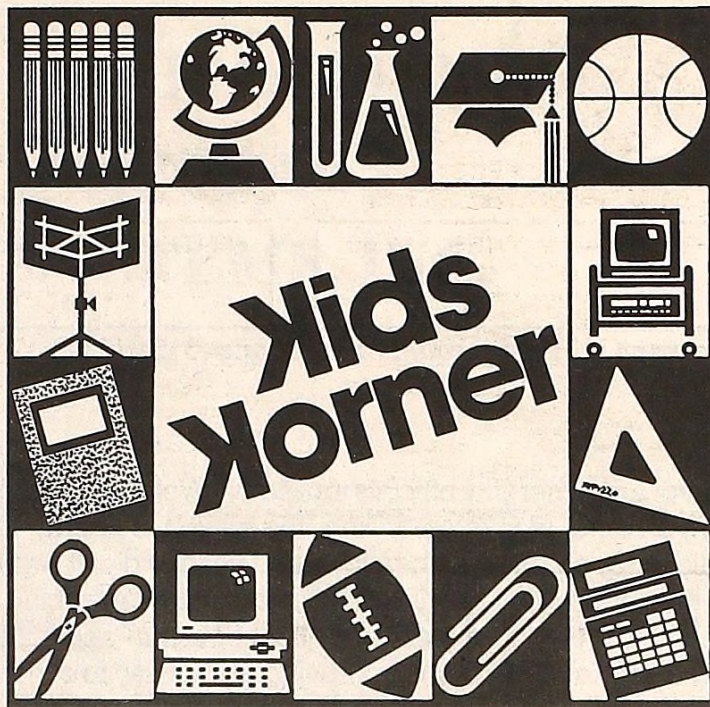
Unfortunately, you're stuck too. The Mayor is going to make you pay for the trouble she created by her flip-flop. The issue is not whether "you want a hazardous waste disposal facility in Romulus" or "should the City enforce its zoning laws," because it's too late for all that – **the Well is already here.** The real issue is whether you want the Mayor to continue spending *your money* to pay for her actions. The decision is not up to her – it's up to you. **IT'S YOUR MONEY!**

You are the jury. What's your verdict?

P.S. If you want copies of the official court documents that confirm these FACTS, and others, including under-oath depositions of Mayor McAnally and David Paul, a videotape of the December 10, 1990 City Council meeting, the 1990 Financial Projections of the City's Royalty, the City Attorney's legal opinions, EDS' "hazardous" well permit, correspondence with the Mayor and other City officials from EDS, the DNR and EPA, Ohio EPA, and more, call us at 955-2100. We'll send them to you at no charge, *in confidence* and with no obligation whatsoever. Don't take our word for it – *Learn the FACTS for yourself.*

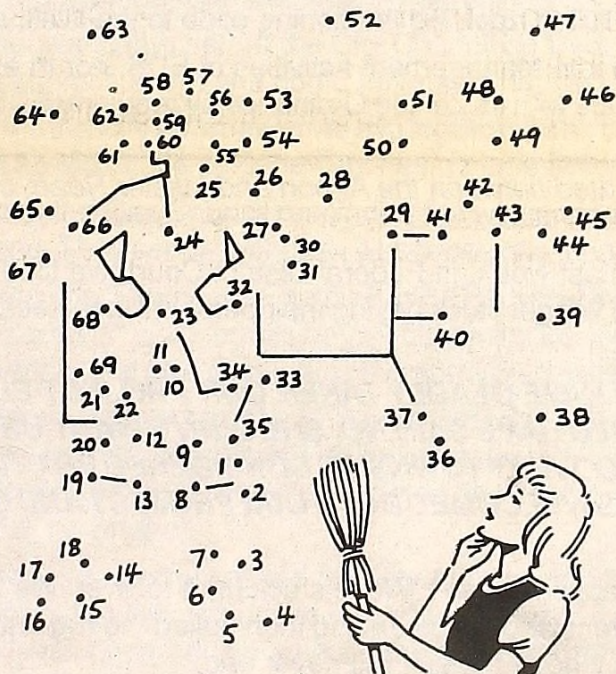
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Why does skin wrinkle?

When you were born, your skin was too big for your tiny body. It took about six months for it to fit properly. Then your skin became stretchable, like a rubber band.

When you grow much

older, the muscles in your skin will become weak and your skin will lose some of its stretch. It will be too big for you again and little folds — called wrinkles — will develop.

Staying in the sun too much can also cause wrinkles. That's why you should always wear a sunscreen lotion when you're out in the sun. The sun's rays cause damage to your skin, but the damage won't show up until you're older.

People who lose a lot of weight sometimes find that their skin is too big for their bodies! But the skin will eventually shrink to fit the body again.

If the skin of an adult were peeled off and spread out flat, it would cover 18 square feet, about the size of a twin bed. K2910005



Time for laughter

Is it better to write your homework on a full stomach or an empty one?

It's better to write it on a piece of paper.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Cantelope.

Cantelope who?

We can't elope tonight because my daddy's home.

Why is the letter "T" like an island?

Because it sits in the middle of WATER.

When Adam met Eve for the first time, what three words did he say that read the same backwards and forwards?

"Madam, I'm Adam."

"Mom, may I go out and play?"

"What? With those torn jeans!"

"No, with my friend down the street."

What starts with a T, ends with a T, and is full of T?

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Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Eileen.

Eileen who?

Eileen'd on your gate and broke it.

Why did the naughty boy put ice cubes in his aunt's bed?

Because he wanted to make antifreeze.

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DID YOU KNOW?

by AL 467

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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 23, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 23, 1995 was called to order by President Sandra F. Langley at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/95/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/95/13 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the Minutes of January 9, 1995 to reflect the following correction: Change January 9, 1995 to December 12, 1994. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Various members of the audience asked questions and voiced concerns to the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

There were none.

Bills for Payment

1/95/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MEAP Analysis - Al Wilkerson

Mr. Al Wilkerson, Counselor at the Middle School, was present and discussed the MEAP tests and shared various samples of data and material that the County provides to us.

MEAP "Take-home Test" - Terry

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, distributed samplings of the MEAP Test to members of the Board who were interested in taking the test at home.

The Board took a ten-minute recess at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:55 P.M.

Policy Committee Recommendation/Elementary Tuition-based Foreign Language Proposal

1/95/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to remove the Elementary Tuition-based Foreign Language Proposal from the table. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/95/16 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to authorize the One World Foundation to utilize classrooms in all elementary schools for its after-school Language Odyssey Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Request for Band Uniforms

1/95/17 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the purchase of new band uniforms with an approximate cost of \$28,000 to \$33,000 to be taken from either the bond or general fund. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution of "Thanks" - Kate Conway

1/95/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and authorize the sending of a letter to Ms. Kate Conway expressing the Board's deep-felt thanks for her hard work and dedication in helping to establish, and then serve in, the Teen Health Center. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Festival Committee Request

1/95/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Old South Junior High site by the Romulus Festival Week Committee May 19-21, 1995. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, presented the following items for the Board's perusal: 1) Apple Letter - Warranty; 2) Mega League Lawyer's Hearing; 3) Blue Cross/Blue Shield "Thanks"; 4) Dolan Memo - Service Learning; 5) WCRESA Analysis - State of the State; 6) Mike Teasdale - S.A.V.E. Grant; and 7) Finance Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz questioned the status of the Foundation. Dr. Bedell stated that we have to appoint a committee. Board Representatives are Mrs. Oleszkowicz and Mr. Howard J. Kesner. Mrs. Oleszkowicz also asked when the Gifted and Talented Committee would be meeting. Dr. LeCesne stated perhaps the third Monday in February.

Mrs. Judie Gondek stated that there is a leak in the roof at Wick School in the corridor leading to the cafeteria. She also requested a copy of the Middle School Report.

Mrs. Debra Hoffman talked about the Board Retreat to be held on March 10 and 11, 1995. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn discussed the WC RESA Budget Meeting to be held on February 4, 1995 and the need for appointing representatives. Mr. Berlinn was named as a Delegate and Mrs. Hoffman as an Alternate.

Executive Session

1/95/20 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:29 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:54 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/95/21 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education



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A Point of Law

Michigan School Bus STOP Law



By Felix F. Rogalle, attorney at law

Some may ask, "Why do we have a School Bus STOP Law?" The Legislature passed the law at the urging of schools and parents because children sometimes forget to look both ways before crossing the streets. They felt that it would be safer and easier to make the drivers stop; therefore, the School Bus STOP Law was passed.

The Officer of Highway Safety Planning in Lansing, Michigan, has released a pamphlet which answers many drivers' questions. Some of those most frequently asked are:

- **When do I have to stop?** As a driver, you must stop whenever you approach a school bus that is stopped and is displaying two alternating flashing red lights. You must stop your vehicle at least 10 feet away

from the bus. The children are required to cross in front of the bus when loading and unloading.

- **When may I proceed?** After the driver has shut off the flashing red lights, you may proceed past the bus. Those lights will remain on until the children are cleared from the roadway. The law instructs the driver of the bus to reasonably allow stopped traffic to pass the bus before he/she proceeds on.
- **What is the law concerning divided highways?** Traffic traveling in the opposite direction of a stopped bus does not have to stop. Only the traffic traveling in the same direction as the halted bus must stop.
- **Can I, as the registered car owner of the car, receive a violation based on a complaint from the bus driver?** The answer to this question is YES. The Michigan Bus STOP Law allows the Police Department to cite the registered owner for an infraction. This is much like the parking citation section of the motor vehicle code. A violation is a civil infraction punishable by a \$100 fine and a possible requirement to attend driver-improvement classes.

For more information on the School Bus STOP Law, you can contact your local law-enforcement agency, the Secretary of State, or the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Remember, you must stop when you approach a school bus with red flashing lights.

Please help us keep our children safe. □

Community Calendar

- **Spaghetti Social** – Romulus Little League Baseball would like to invite the public to its first annual "Spaghetti Social" fund-raiser, to be held at VFW Hall (located across from Kelsey-Hayes at 39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) on Friday, February 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. For tickets (adults – \$4; ages six to 12 – \$2; five and under free), call Debbie (942-9261) or Pattie (729-7156).
- **Romulus Little League Registration** – Registration for the 1995 Romulus Little League program will take place on February 18 and February 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at K-mart (Goddard & Telegraph), and on March 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins). (Registering at K-mart offers the advantage of free prizes, 20% off baseball shoes, and kickbacks to the League.) For information, call Mark (729-7156) or Julie (941-6797).
- **A Few Good Men** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present Aaron Sorkin's award-winning courtroom drama, *A Few Good Men*, at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) on February 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. for Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens/students. Please call 782-5380 or 654-0167 for more information.
- **Special Education Workshop** – Romulus Special Education and Cory Elementary School are inviting parents, teachers, and others to an informational meeting on learning disabilities and hidden handicaps, which will be held at Cory School on Thursday, February 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening's agenda will include: signs of attention deficit disorder, signs of learning disabilities, and parent burnout. Handouts will be available. For more information, please call Debbie Elam at 941-4249.
- **"The Empowerment Zone"** – Gloria Robinson, director of the Planning and Economic Development for the City of Detroit, will be the guest speaker at a noon luncheon on Thursday, February 23, at the Women's Economic Club in the Westin Hotel's Columbus Room in the Detroit Renaissance Center. Her topic: "The Empowerment Zone." Reservations are available to the public at \$25; \$18 for WEC members. For more information, call 963-5088.
- **Chamber "Person of the Year" Awards/Dinner/Dance** – The Romulus Chamber of Commerce cordially invites the public to attend its 15th Annual Romulus Person of the Year Awards/Dinner/Dance, set for Friday, March 24, at the Royce Hotel in Romulus. The event, which will honor "Person of the Year" Harlan D. Whichello, will feature cocktails at 6:30 p.m. (open bar), dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing after the 8:30 p.m. awards ceremony. RSVP no later than March 16 by calling 326-4290. The \$30-per-person donation must be paid in advance.
- **Don't Be Victimized!** – The Romulus Recreation Department and instructor Lee McElwaney will host three successive Saturday-morning workshops (March 25, April 1, and April 8) to teach women and men a common-sense approach to self-protection that includes techniques to prevent mugging and rape attacks. The total cost for the three workshops, which run from 9 to 11 a.m., is \$5. Preregister at the Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins). For more information, call 942-6852.
- **Female Mentors Needed** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program is looking for adult mentors to help support, educate, and nurture pregnant/parenting teens. Training is ongoing. Call 513-7598.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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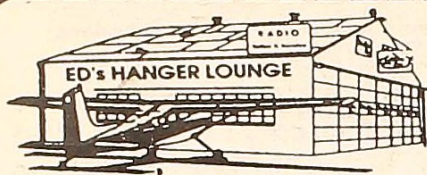
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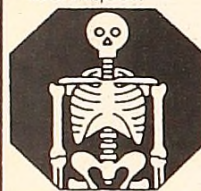
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins.)

Closed for the Holiday

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Monday, February 20, in honor of George Washington's birthday.

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday (second Monday if the first falls on a holiday) of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next scheduled date is March 6. No appointment is necessary.

Free Hearing Screening

No appointment is necessary to take advantage of a free hearing screening to be offered at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 6. The service will be conducted by the Deaf, Hearing, and Speech Center, a nonprofit agency that does not deal in hearing-aid equipment, so participants need not fear any sales pressure.

Tax Service Continues

Now through April 12, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist low- and middle-income senior citizens residing in Romulus with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Paczke Day!

Make the most of "Fat Tuesday" by dropping in at the Center between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on February 28 for a delicious paczke ("poonchkey") and coffee. (The refreshments are free, but be sure to call at least one day ahead and let the Center know that you will be coming by so that they can be sure to have enough for everyone.) Don't miss this last chance to indulge yourself before Lent!

Potluck

The Center's spectacular chefs will serve roast beef at the monthly potluck, to be held Tuesday, February 21, at the Center. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

Pinochle Tournament

You don't have to be a card shark and you don't need a partner to sign up for the Senior Center's upcoming "just-for-fun" Pinochle Tournament, to be held on Thursday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. A \$1 per-person fee will cover prizes and light refreshments.

Shopping Trip

For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer store on Friday, February 24. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trip

Seniors interested in more information about this or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **Gambling on the Mississippi** – Enjoy casino gambling riverboat-style! The \$159 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this three-day trip, which departs March 13, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; two nights' lodging at Jumer's Castle; lunch, dinner, and gambling on the *Mississippi Belle II*; dinner and gambling on Jumer's Casino Rock Island; and more.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

FOCUS: HOPE for Seniors

Senior citizens age 60 and over can apply for and receive FOCUS: HOPE benefits at the Romulus distribution site (Family & Neighborhood Services) if their income does not exceed \$797 per month (one person)/\$1,066 per month (two persons).

For more information, or to apply, please call Pam St. Clair at Family & Neighborhood Services (782-9800). □

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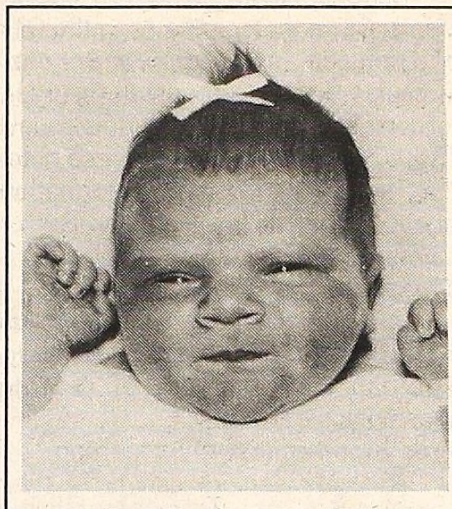
Courtney Nicole DeCamillo

Philip and Mary DeCamillo of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Courtney Nicole DeCamillo.

Courtney was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 6:53 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 1995. At birth, she weighed eight pounds and measured 21 1/4 inches in length.

Especially excited about Courtney's arrival were her big sister, Ann Marie (age 10), and her big brothers, Michael (age eight) and Vincent (age six).

Courtney's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James DeCamillo of Dearborn, Michigan. Mrs. Helen De La Garza of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, is her maternal grandmother.



Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mascio of Novi.

Khadijah Elayne Wood



Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Khadijah Elayne Wood, are Jamie Virginia Wood (Romulus, MI) and Mario Johnson (Ypsilanti, MI).

Khadijah – who is Jamie's first child and the love of her life – was born in the Michigan Health Center (Detroit, MI) at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 1994. At birth, she weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Among her many family members welcoming Khadijah home were her paternal grandparents, Reggie Adams and Debbie Adams (Wayne, MI); her maternal grandparents, Rondal and Yvonne Wood; her Aunt Elaine Wood (Flat Rock, MI); and uncles Lance Arold (Flat Rock, MI), Shannon Wood (Romulus, MI), Shane Wood (Romulus, MI), and Reggie Adams, Jr. (Wayne, MI). □

**A Tribute to the Thoughts & Prayers of
My Beautiful, Precious Polish Mother:
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**I'll love and treasure
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Her daughter, Dolores Fay Nowlin**

I've tasted of life's bitter and sweet,
Now to God I've gone to meet.
I prayed for healing, but pain lingered on.
I prayed for sunshine, but God sent me
storms, not calm.
I prayed for sleep upon my restless bed,
But, in the dark, God taught me courage,
instead.
I prayed for usefulness, or else please take
me to sweet Heaven's gate.
God whispered low, "They also serve who
only pray and wait."
Then! God reached down with loving arms,
my pain and worries ceased;
My soul set free, in twilight's peace, I sleep.
I leave a legacy of love for those who follow
after me,
I'd like the memory of me to be happy
Because I've crossed the raging sea.
My heart's in the heart and hand of Jesus,
I've made peace with God through eternity.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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BALL ROAD TABERNACLE - 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of some months - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH - 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH - 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH - 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service - 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation - Call 729-6440

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

CHURCH OF GOD-ROMULUS - 8770 S. Wayne Rd. / 729-4884 / Parsonage: 729-7234 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS MIRACLE TEMPLE - 36949 Goddard / 941-6070

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Hiram McBurrows, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night - 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. - 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 7 p.m.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

NEW FAITH CHAPEL - 19498 Middlebelt Rd. / 783-1490 / Curt Swick, Pastor / 381-5630 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E. - 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School - 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night - 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night - 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

John Lewis Demmy, Sr.

John Lewis Demmy, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, February 8, 1995. He was 83 years old.

John, a retired truck driver and former member of the Dearborn Moose Lodge, was born in Mad River, Ohio, on January 3, 1912. He and wife Alvie Lee (Pittman) Demmy were married on October 2, 1937.

Surviving John are his wife; sons Morris H. (Belleville, MI), Jack L. (Belleville, MI), Roger K. (Belleville, MI), and Kenneth E. Demmy (Romulus, MI); sisters Mrs. Lawrence (Raehel) Fetter, Mrs.

John (Irene) Nichols, and Mrs. Jim (Jenny) Brown (all of Florida); 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Donald Demmy.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Donald McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Park (Livonia, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Stephen Toffan

Stephen Toffan of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, at the age of 89.

A retired tool-and-die worker for the Vertex Tool Co., the Canadian native was born on December 15, 1905. He and wife Mabel L. (Mosher) Toffan were married in Romulus, Michigan, on November 24, 1954.

Stephen is survived by his wife; son Earl Stephen Toffan (Detroit, MI); daughter Mrs. Harold (Sylvia) Dubisky (Romulus, MI); brothers Peter (Detroit, MI) and

Anton Toffan (Manitoba, Canada); sister Ms. Pauline Toffan (Canada); nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Donald McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Cremation arranged by Tri-County Cremation (Ypsilanti, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization. □

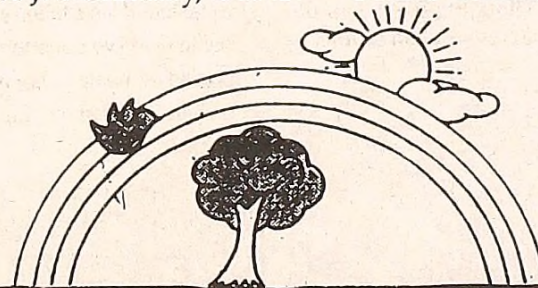
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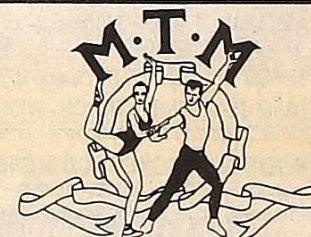
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